

ONE MONTH FOR PENITENCE.

Mary's Complaint of Her Lover
Recoils on Her.She Wants to Reform Without Being
Handicapped.

Mary McLaughlin and John Milligan, living as man and wife at the West Fourth street, were sent to the island for one month straight by Justice White in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning.

Mary has made more or less trouble for the police of the Mercer street station during the last ten years, and when she came to the station-house yesterday afternoon and declared that she had resolved to reform and live an honest, moral life she was listened to with unfeigned incredulity.

While not practicing the badger game exactly, her methods nearly approached that character of conduct.

She is a pretty, buxom little woman, with jet black hair, large gray eyes, and pleasing, regularly formed features. She is, to truth, above the average in good looks of women of her class, and therefore it was quite an easy task to frequently inveigle idle men into her company.

After introducing a stranger, for whom she had set a trap, to go to her apartments, she would declare that she had been robbed and threaten to call the police.

Her victim was invariably a man of good reputation, with a position, and family to maintain, and in most every instance she succeeded in getting him to a goodly sum to make up the alleged robbery.

She frequently fell to the police, but was released after punishment.

Yesterday she told the police that she was forced to sue a man named John Milligan, who wanted her sent away so that she would not be hampered and abused by him further.

In this case, she said, she was Mary as a matter of precaution, as it was feared she would not appear to prosecute.

"I am, in earnest," she said to Justice White, "and want to change my mode of living. I am tired of this life and am anxious to atone for past offenses and become a good woman."

"This man," she said, pointing scornfully at Milligan, "decided me years ago. He never cared for me and drove me into the street to make a living for him. He could not have cared for me, but I loved him and did his bidding obediently."

Justice White, who knew her well, that he was not inclined to credit her professed sudden good resolutions, and sent her away to ponder over the matter for another month.

CLERK CADMAN CONFESSES.

Was Short in Accounts, Got Reckless and Sold Stamps.

Charles P. Cadman, the stamp clerk who stole over \$3,000 worth of postage stamps from the New York Post Office, is locked up in Ludlow street jail pending examination.

Cadman was surrendered to Postmaster Van Cort yesterday by his father, Judge John Van Cort, of Hudson, N. Y., and has made a confession to the United States District Attorney.

He said that in May last he found his accounts \$200 short, and becoming reckless, he took stamps from the safe and sold them at wholesale for his own benefit.

When searched by Post-Office Inspector James A. Beck, a pending examination, he took stamps from the safe and sold them at wholesale for his own benefit.

It is said that all the money stolen by Cadman was spent on a woman.

Judge Cadman, it is understood, will make no effort to keep his son out of the penitentiary, thinking that during his incarceration he may be broken of his morose habit.

TWO TOUGH YOUNGSTERS.

Alleged Pocketbook Snatcher and a Sandbagger Caught.

Thomas Deoli, though only eighteen years old, and one of the most innocent appearing youths to be found in all the city, was remanded in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning.

He was charged with the charge of snatching a pocketbook containing \$3.00 from Mrs. Mary Morgan, of 51 South Fifth avenue, on Dec. 22. The robbery occurred on Bleeker street, and the boys eluded arrest yesterday afternoon.

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